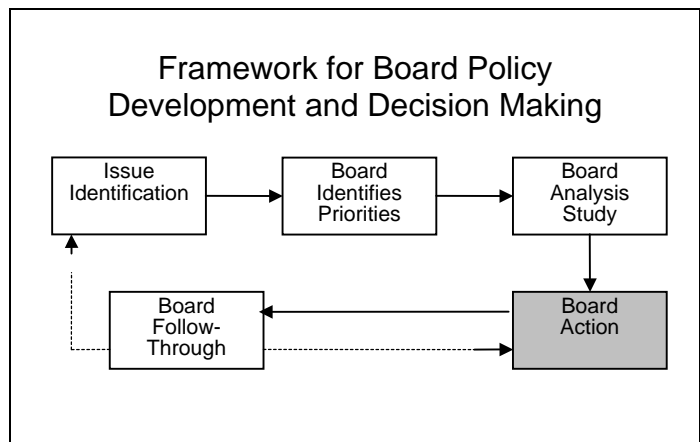


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary
February 7, 2007



Agenda Item: Comprehensive Study of Hearing Services – Request to Create a Coordinating Council

Iowa Goal: 2. All K-12 students will achieve at high levels, prepared for success beyond high school.

Equity Impact Statement: A comprehensive study of hearing services would determine whether services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students are available to students across the state.

Presenter: Sr. Jude Fitzpatrick, State Board Member
Lana Michelson, Chief, Bureau of Children, Family & Community Services

Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve this request to create a coordinating council with the State Board of Regents to conduct a comprehensive study of hearing services in the state.

Background: The Board of Regents and State Board of Education jointly created a coordinating council to study the needs of students who are blind or visually impaired to determine how services could be provided in the most effective and efficient manner. That group recently released their report and recommendations.

It is now being proposed that the Board of Regents and State Board of Education create a coordinating council to review services that support the education of deaf and hard-of-hearing students, and to make recommendations designed to coordinate services across the state.